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**A One Day
Criminal Investigations Seminar
Patron Saints of the Mexican Drug Underworld**

Sponsored by the members of the Arizona WANTED
Warrant Apprehension Network and Tactical Enforcement Detail (WANTED)

Friday, April 29, 2011

8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

DoubleTree Hotel Tucson at Reid Park

(Between Broadway and 22nd Street)

445 South Alvernon Way

Tucson, Arizona

Target audience includes police detectives & investigators; sheriff's deputies & investigators; DPS criminal investigators, county attorneys, parole & probation officers, crime & intelligence analysts and all federal, state, and local law enforcement officials.

The training provided by the Arizona WANTED Task Force is provided free of charge. This course has been determined to qualify for POST training credit.

Seating is limited to the first 300 registrants. Response required by COB Thursday, April 28, 2011 with the names and titles of those attending to US Marshals Service employee Melissa DeHerrera at melissa.deherrera@usdoj.gov or by fax to (520) 879-6930. Specific questions may be directed to:

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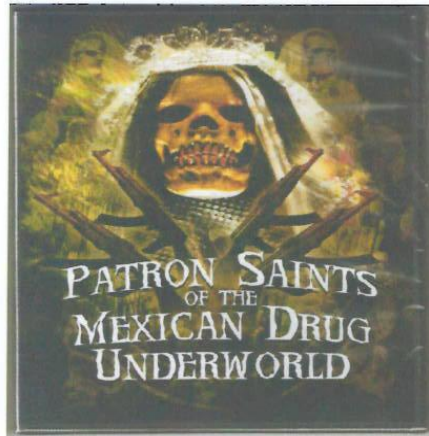
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Presented by Robert Almonte
United States Marshal
Western District of Texas

The presentation by U.S. Marshal Robert Almonte will include information and cases on the use of prayer in traditional or recognized religions to facilitate drug trafficking and other crimes. Often, drug and human traffickers involve the spiritual world in their trade for protection from law enforcement. This intensive course will include information on various legitimate and illegitimate saints and icons used almost exclusively by the Mexican drug dealer. Some "saints", or spirits, that drug traffickers and others use to protect themselves from law enforcement include Jesus Malverde – "Patron Saint of Drug Traffickers", Juan Soldado - "Patron Saint of Illegal Aliens", Santa Muerte, and San Simon among others.

Marshal Almonte has visited shrines erected in homage to these "drug saints" and will display photos, show video, as well as exhibit paraphernalia drug traffickers and other criminals may have had in their possession. The significance of the presence of "drug saints", spirits, images, icons, statues, etc., may often be overlooked by law enforcement. His course serves to educate, enhance knowledge and alert law enforcement.

Marshal Almonte retired at the rank of Deputy Chief after 25 years of service with the El Paso Police Department. The majority of his career was on the frontline of the drug war. He spent years conducting extensive research on the Mexican drug trade.

This unique course is beneficial to law enforcement officers in all parts of the country who may encounter images, icons, statues, and other items during or pursuant to an investigation with a drug nexus. The course has helped enhance understanding by law enforcement throughout the country, aiding in many arrests. Several significant drug and money seizures throughout the country have been attributed to this course.

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